

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL URGE ANNEXATION

Committee Named to Again Bring
Matter to Attention of
the Council.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY

Unless Limits Are Extended Newport
News' Assessed Valuation of Real
Estate Will Drop, and City Will
Rank Low on List as to Popula-
tion.

After the matter had been discussed at some length by several of the other members, Mr. W. R. Cottrell struck the keynote of the annexation proposition last night at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce when he declared that annexation is imperative if Newport News is to show an increase next year in the assessed value of its real estate over the value of the last assessment seven years ago. Unless the city limits are extended and new property taken in, he said, the assessment to be made in 1910 will show a decided falling off in real estate values and the spreading of this fact throughout the country will do the city incalculable harm in that it will have a strong tendency to keep prospective investors away from this city during the period of seven years in which the 1910 assessment will stand.

The matter of annexation was very thoroughly threshed out by the Chamber with the result that the president was directed to appoint a committee to confer with the council on this matter. It is the intention of the Chamber to have the matter pushed as rapidly as possible and it is hoped that the proposed annexation will be carried through before next January.

Objections Dismissed.
When the matter was first taken up, Mr. O. D. Batchelor was called upon to discuss the subject. He went over the ground thoroughly and met the objections to annexation which have been continually raised every time the project has been revived.

Mr. Batchelor pointed out that the city should extend its limits at once so that the census to be taken next year by the United States government will show an increase in the population of the city over the population given in the last census. Other cities of the state, he said, have extended their limits since the last census and they will show a healthy increase in population next year.

The speaker declared further that unless the adjacent territory is annexed before the census, in stead of being the fifth city in Virginia Newport News will drop to the ninth or tenth place among the cities of the state.

The great objection to the proposition, he said, is that the city will have to spend a considerable amount of money in improvements in the new section and giving it proper police and fire protection, while the city could not derive any taxes from the new territory for a period of five years except on the basis of the assessment levied upon it by Warwick county.

This objection, he declared, was raised by those who are not acquainted with the State law on the matter of annexation. Here he read from the code of Virginia which sets forth that where a city annexes territory it can collect the full rate of taxes under the city levy from the new territory just as soon as work is begun on any new and permanent improvements in the annexed portion.

Bond Issue Proposed.
By way of illustration, he said that if the assessed value of the annexed territory is \$1,000,000, the city can issue bonds to the amount of \$120,000 for improvements in the annexed portion and that just as soon as the work is started the city can extend the regular city tax rate and assessment to the newly acquired property within the city limits.

Mr. Batchelor spoke in favor of annexing the territory that has been proposed heretofore. This included taking in the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway yard from Thirty-four street

to Fifty-eighth street and all of the property south of the city down to Hampton Roads and east of the city to a distance of about 300 yards east of Salter's creek.

After several other members had spoken in favor of the annexation plan, Captain Ivan H. Wise moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the council at once in the matter and to have the committee push it as rapidly as possible.

Time is Required.
In this connection, it was pointed out that after the necessary annexation ordinances are passed by the council, a judge from some other city in the state will have to be appointed to investigate the matter of annexation. All this will require several months at the least.

The president will appoint the committee at once and the individual members of the council will be approached on the matter and then it will be taken up with the two branches at the meeting in September.

FIREMEN'S FIELD DAY ON THE CASINO TODAY

Many Prizes Offered for Athletic Contests—Celebration Begins With Parade.

The three volunteer fire companies of Newport News will hold their annual field day celebration on the Casino grounds this afternoon. The celebration will start with a parade of the fire companies, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Starting from the Central Engine house the parade will move up Huntington avenue to Thirty-third street, over Thirty-third street to Washington avenue, over Washington avenue to Twenty-fifth street, over Twenty-fifth street to West avenue, and over West avenue to Twenty-eighth street and there disband.

The field and track sports start at 2 o'clock and the feature event will be a reel race between the companies. The complete program will be as follows:

Hose reel race—First prize, \$10 in gold, by citizens. Second prize, box of cigars, by B. R. Cofer.

One hundred yard dash—First prize, mandolin, by G. D. Hampton. Second prize, rocker, by Mesic & Cheadle. Third prize, box of cigars, by Bowen Drug store.

Fat men's race—First prize, bottle Elk Club; second prize, bottle Royal Club; third prize, bottle Royal Club, by Union Liquor Supply Co.

One hundred yard dash for boys—First prize, hat, by S. Mirmelstein. Second prize, pair shoes, by James Curtis. Third prize, mouth harp, by Mr. Dennis.

Two hundred and twenty yard dash—First prize, grip, by Mr. Peyser. Second prize, picture, by Chapin Bros. Third prize, box of cigars, by Mr. Epstone.

Egg race for little girls—First prize, loving cup, by Flory-Royal Co. Second prize, one load wood, by Benson & Phillips. Third prize, one lamp, by Harvey Co.

Shoe race—First prize, pair \$5.00 shoes, by Mr. Fisch. Second prize, rocker, by Buxton & Parker. Third prize, box of cigars, by Newport News Wine & Liquor Co.

Tug of war—Prize, box of cigars, by Mr. McCombe.

One mile relay race—Prize, box of cigars, by Petzel Drug Co.

Four hundred and forty yard dash—First prize, gold ring, by J. J. Palmer Sons. Second prize, hat, Garner & Co. Third prize, safety razor, by Palmer & Morrison.

Three leg race—First prize, rocker, by Mr. Lash. Second prize, box of cigars, by Chestnut Avenue Pharmacy. The best pony rig in line of parade—Prize, bridle, by Miller & Gleason.

Standing broad jump—First prize, umbrella, by Werthelmer & Co. Second prize, box of cigars, by C. Whiting.

Prize waltz—First prize, for man, \$5.00 in gold, by Bryan O'Hara. First prize, for lady, \$5.00 pair shoes, by Williamson Shoe Co. Second prize, for man, box of cigars, by Mr. Montalcione. Second prize, for lady, umbrella, by Harshell. Third prize, for man, bottle extra dry, Third prize, for lady, umbrella, by I. Mirmelstein.

Cake walk—First prize, cake, by Maryland Bakery. Second prize, box of cigars, by Mr. C. Neims.

The prizes will be awarded at the dance on the Casino Monday night. The committee which arranged the celebration follows: Messrs. W. H. Redford, A. Davis, T. Atkins, Wheatcroft, G. Streetmatter, D. H. Payne, C. Smith, J. Darlington, M. W. Mooney.

Cannibal Shark.
An Australian paper records the capture of a shark 15 feet six inches long and seven feet girth, whose contents included a full-sized porpoise and another shark five feet long.

SUNDAY OUTING TO RICHMOND.
\$1.25—Round Trip—\$1.25.

Via Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Tickets sold for trains leaving On Point 5:30 a. m. and Newport News 6:30 a. m. and 10:05 a. m. on Sundays. Good returning, leaving Richmond 7:10 p. m. same day.

Special EXCURSION to Mathews County.

The Old Dominion Steamship Co.'s Steamer "Hampton Roads" will make a special excursion to Mathews County, touching East River wharves, Sunday.

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BRICK PAVING "TAPPED" IN NUMEROUS PLACES

Committee Finds Sand Base Varies
From One and Half to Four
Inches In Depth.

CONTRACT REQUIRED FOUR INCHES

Allowance Must be Made For Rolling
However—Report to Council Upon
Difference in Cost Will be Formu-
lated at Next Meeting.

Going over all of the Peables block pavement in the city and "tapping" the paving once in each short block and twice in each long block, the highways and sewers committee of the city council yesterday carried out a part of the work assigned to it by the council's resolution directing the committee to ascertain just how much sand had been used in the base for the brick paving and to submit a report showing what money had been saved by putting in a smaller amount of sand than required by the specifications. The committee found that the sand beneath the paving ranged from one and one half to four inches in depth. The contract requires a sand base of four inches. The committee will have to make allowance, however, for the difference made by rolling after the bricks were laid on top of the sand.

After completing their work on the street yesterday afternoon the committee said that it would be impossible to give any definite idea of what their final report would be. The pavement was "tapped" in thirty or forty places, and considerable figuring will have to be done before the committee can begin to estimate what sort of a claim, if any, should be made against the contractor on account of the reduced amount of sand in the paving base.

At the next meeting of the committee the "tapping" figures will be on hand and the committee will formulate its report.

One thing, at least, the committee learned. The Peables block is down to stay awhile and is hard enough to resist all kinds of wear and tear. It developed that to remove a single one of the bricks is a job that involves much labor and no little time.

Social-Personal

Mr. W. H. Chambers, a day teacher in the Tennessee School for the Deaf at Knoxville, Tenn., was in the city yesterday as the guest of Superintendent W. C. Ritter, at the Virginia State school for colored deaf and blind children in this city. Mr. Chambers left yesterday afternoon for Raleigh, N. C., to visit his alma mater.

Mr. Frank Smith, of Washington, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. G. A. Quayle, of this city.

Miss Margaret Dean will leave today for Ashland where she will spend the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Masters and children will leave today for Charlottesville, where they will remain for the next two weeks.

Mrs. Albert Haynes returned from Greenbackville, Va., where she has been at the bedside of her mother for some time.

Mr. Henry Colster is the guest of friends in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waterman have returned from Greenbackville where they were the guest of friends.

Misses Neeva and Mamie Williams, of Richmond, and Misses Mary White, Emily Fitch and Ira Forrest, of York county, are the guests of Miss Eva Chandler.

Miss Marion Curtis is the guest of relatives in Washington, D. C.

Miss Florence Hudgins, of Mathews county, is the guest of relatives in the city.

Miss Louise Minson, of Baltimore, of the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Schutz, at 309 Elm avenue.

Mrs. M. E. Stibley, of Norfolk, is the guest of her nephew, Mr. S. W. Rowe, 232 Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Mildred Dalby who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. N. Jenkins, of Twenty-ninth street, will

leave for her home in Washington, D. C.

Miss Flossie Allen is visiting friends in King William county. Before returning home she will visit Richmond and will spend some time in Hanover county.

Miss Mary Thalman, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. W. Slater on Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. V. Charles Allen, of 309 Twenty-ninth street has as her guest, Miss Nora Patterson, of Norfolk.

Miss Bella Kuder, who has been the guest of relatives in Isle of Wight county, has returned to her home in this city.

Miss Charlotte Van Horne, who has been the guest of relatives in this city for the past two weeks has returned to her home in Chester, Pa.

Miss Grace Reidon, who has been the guest of friends and relatives in Washington and Baltimore, has returned to her home in this city.

Miss Dollie Allsworth and little sister, Gertrude, who have been visiting their grandparents in Smithfield have returned to the city.

Miss Louise Hopkins who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ella Charles, has left for the Adirondicks, where she will spend the remainder of the summer.

Miss Mattie Walker is the guest of friends in Mathews county.

Mrs. R. D. Neal and daughter, Virginia, are the guest of Mrs. J. E. Warren, 317 Fifty-first street.

Mr. Richard Smalls, of Yorktown, is at the Elizabeth Buxton Hospital for treatment.

Miss Myrtle Dandridge is visiting relatives in New Kent county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Turner, of Isle of Wight, are the guests of Mr. J. C. Turner, on Forty-seventh street.

Mr. T. J. Sanderline, of New York, left for Atlantic City yesterday afternoon after spending some time at the resorts in this vicinity.

Miss Helen Hopkins has returned home after a visit to friends in New Kent county.

OSBORN TAKEN BACK.

Young Man Accused of Robbery Will Stand Trial in Quincy.
Having secured the signature of Governor Swanson to the extradition papers in the case of William Oswald, alias Osborne, charged with robbery in Quincy, Mass., Chief of Police Veytrell and Inspector McKay, of that city, returned to Newport News yesterday afternoon and later left for the Massachusetts city with the accused man.

The officers, with their prisoner, left here early in the afternoon for Norfolk, where they took a boat for Boston.

The officers are sure that they have nabbed the right man and are confident that a conviction will follow the hearing of the case. Oswald or Osborne is well known in Quincy, where he has several times appeared in police court cases of a minor nature, and was once sentenced to jail for a long term on a felony charge.

Osborne is accused of entering the office of an express company in Quincy last spring and robbing the safe of more than \$150. His pal in the affair has been arrested and is at present in the Quincy jail awaiting trial.

MASTER JACK UZZEL DEAD.

Bright Little Chap Succumbs to Complication of Diseases.

Master Jack Hammond Uzzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Uzzel, of 214 Twenty-fifth street, died last night at 9 o'clock at the Elizabeth Buxton hospital after a brief illness from a complication of diseases. The boy was suffering from typhoid fever and rheumatism at the time he was removed to the hospital, and the complication arose.

Master Uzzel was a bright boy, popular with his associates, advanced in his classes at school and a constant attendant at Sunday school.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at Trinity Methodist church.

Mrs. Uzzel has been very ill for several days at her home.

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MR. ASHBY WILL LEAVE LAW FOR THE CHURCH

Prominent Young Attorney Goes to
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Month.

Mr. C. Aylett Ashby, senior partner of the well known law firm of Ashby & Read, will give up the practice of law this month to enter the ministry of the Episcopal church. He will matriculate at the Episcopal Theological Seminary near Alexandria at the beginning of the session next month and will take the full course of two years. After being ordained he will engage in the regular work of the ministry and will devote his life to the service.

Mr. Ashby has practiced law in this city for the past thirteen years and is one of the best known attorneys on the Peninsula. He was born in Culpeper county, Va., in July, 1875, and graduated from the Richmond College law school in 1896. After securing his license he came here to practice and has since made his home in this city. He has served as a member of the city Democratic committee and is at present a member of the board of police commissioners.

For a number of years Mr. Ashby has been superintendent of the Sunday school of St. Paul's Episcopal church and has long been a member of the vestry of that church.

Mrs. Ashby and the children will remain in this city while Mr. Ashby

is studying for the ministry at the seminary.

More Appropriate.
"Lord Broken has arrived," remarked the tall clubman, "and he has 'M. P.' behind his name."
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